history brought out by NCERT due to their sub-standard quality and sectarian outlook;

(b) whether in spite of these objections Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has decided to introduce them; and

(c) if so, when and for which year did the CBSE take such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

All India Council for Physical Education

4437. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up an All India Council for Physical Education to look after the work of physical education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof *interalia* stating its composition, functions and its contributions in promoting physical education in the country; and

(c) by when, the Council will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, the proposal to set up All India Council for Physical Education is under formulation in that Ministry.

Vacant posts in NCERT

4438. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts are lying vacant in the NCERT, Delhi for a long time;

(b) if so, the category-wise details of such posts and the dates from which these posts are lying vacant; and

(c) the reasons for delay in filling up these posts and steps being taken to fill them up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) Category wise details of the vacant posts as on 25-4-2003 are as under :

Group	Academic	Ancillary+ Administrative	Total
A	72(Prof. Reader & Lecturer)	16	88
B	NIL	74	74
C	NIL	106	106
D	NIL	24	24

The Expenditure Review Commission (ERC) of Government of India in its report has *interalia* recommended that NCERT should reduce the non-academic staff strength so as to achieve a ratio 1: 1.5 to 1:2 between academic and non-academic staff within next few years and to achieve this the Commission suggested that 75% of non-academic posts falling vacant in any year should be abolished till the desired ratio is achieved. For vacancies within this ratio recruitment is on going and time consuming process and it takes some time to find suitable replacements.

Recognition to Sanskrit

4439. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to give more recognition to Sanskrit in Government and private run schools and colleges in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government intend to change the curriculum to make the subject more interesting;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (e) Government has already taken several initiatives for the promotion of Sanskrit at School and College level.